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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application.

Claims 1 and 2 are amended.

Claim 3 is canceled.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of making a capacitor element used for a solid electrolyte capacitor, the method comprising the steps of forming, on an anode chip of valve metal, a dielectric layer, a first solid electrolyte layer of manganese dioxide, a graphite layer and a metal layer in this order,

wherein the method further comprises the step of forming ~~an intermediate~~ a second solid electrolyte layer between the step of forming the ~~first~~ second solid electrolyte layer and the step of forming the graphite layer, the ~~intermediate~~ second solid electrolyte layer being formed by applying and sintering of ~~[[a]] an aqueous~~ manganese nitrate ~~aqueous~~ solution containing 0.5-2.0 wt% of graphite powder.

2. (Currently Amended) A method of making a capacitor element used for a solid electrolyte capacitor, the method comprising the steps of forming, on an anode chip of valve metal, a dielectric layer, a solid electrolyte layer of manganese dioxide, a first graphite layer and a metal layer in this order,

wherein the method further comprises the step of forming ~~an intermediate~~ a second graphite layer between the step of forming the solid electrolyte layer and the step of forming the first graphite layer, the ~~intermediate graphite layer being formed of a graphite material containing manganese dioxide powder~~ step of forming the second graphite layer includes

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applying of a graphite solution that contains 5-10 wt% of manganese dioxide power and drying of the applied solution.

3. (Canceled)